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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
11 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION  
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13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 KYLE VEHIKITE,

17 Defendant.  
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CASE NO. 23-mj-71076 MAG

~~PROPOSED~~ DETENTION ORDER

19 On July 21, 2023, defendant KYLE VEHIKITE was charged by complaint with conspiracy to  
20 engage in robbery affecting interstate commerce, in violation of Title 18, Section 1951(a).

21 This matter came before the Court on August 4, 2023, for a detention hearing. The defendant  
22 was present and represented by John Jordan. Assistant United States Attorney Alethea M. Sargent  
23 appeared for the government. The government moved for detention, and the defendant opposed. At the  
24 hearing, counsel submitted proffers and arguments regarding detention.

25 Upon consideration of the facts, proffers and arguments presented, and for the reasons stated on  
26 the record, the Court finds by clear and convincing evidence that no condition or combination of  
27 conditions will reasonably assure the safety of any other person or the community. Accordingly, the  
28 defendant must be detained pending trial in this matter.

1 The present order supplements the Court’s findings and order at the detention hearing and serves  
 2 as written findings of fact and a statement of reasons as required by Title 18, United States Code,  
 3 Section 3142(i)(1). The Complaint in this case alleges a highly coordinated and premeditated armed  
 4 robbery of more than \$1 million in jewelry. It alleges the robbery was committed by seven suspects  
 5 wearing hooded sweatshirts, ski masks and gloves. One drew a gun and pointed it at the sole security  
 6 guard in front of the store; the other six entered the store, with one waving a gun at the employees and  
 7 customers, demanding they get on the ground, while the remaining five smashed display cases with  
 8 hammers and loaded items into duffle bags. The robbery was carried out in broad daylight in  
 9 approximately one minute, after which the robbers entered the passenger doors of getaway cars that  
 10 were waiting for them. The Complaint also alleges that several of the suspects had cased out the store a  
 11 week prior to the robbery. This was such a sophisticated, orchestrated, brazen crime – essentially  
 12 something right out of a movie – that every participant is a danger to the community, and it would be  
 13 foolish to believe the defendant would comply with any conditions of release. This is also the type of  
 14 alleged crime where the precise role the defendant played (e.g., driver of getaway car vs. wielder of a  
 15 gun) is unimportant, as the planned use of firearms to threaten the security guard, employees and  
 16 customers would have been anticipated by every participant. The intentionality, planning, organization,  
 17 and willingness to threaten human life (or willingness to be part of a plan that the defendant knows will  
 18 involve threats to human life) make this one of the rare cases in which “the nature and circumstances of  
 19 the offense charged” (18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(1)) make the defendant’s unmitigable danger clear and  
 20 convincing. This finding is made without prejudice to the defendant’s right to seek review of  
 21 defendant’s detention, or file a motion for reconsideration if circumstances warrant it.

22 Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(i), IT IS ORDERED THAT:

23 1. The defendant be, and hereby is, committed to the custody of the Attorney General for  
 24 confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving  
 25 sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;

26 2. The defendant be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with counsel;  
 27 and

28 3. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the government,

1 the person in charge of the corrections facility in which the defendant is confined shall deliver the  
2 defendant to an authorized United States Marshal for the purpose of any appearance in connection with a  
3 court proceeding.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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6 DATED: August 7, 2023

  
HONORABLE THOMAS S. HIXSON  
United States Magistrate Judge